



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

755 Concordia Lane Steamboat Springs. Colorado 80487

"Learning, Living, Sharing the Gospel"

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TAMING TIME

Our church body publishes a monthly magazine entitled *The Lutheran Witness: Interpreting the Contemporary World from a Lutheran Christian Perspective*. In the January, 2016 issue, Rev. Mark W. Wood, the Director of LCMS Witness and Outreach Ministry and Revitalization, shared a one-page article on *Taming Time*. Here are several highlights of this fine article:

"For much of human experience, time has been measured according to seasons." When I served a congregation in the Chicago area, folks were fond of saying "we have two seasons every year: the winter season and the construction season." In our town, we are governed by the seasons.

"Over the course of history, time was reduced to calendars through which we counted and recounted days and months and years as though we had gained control of time. But as we turn the pages of our calendar, we are reminded that time has taken control of our days." Personally, I find this so true. If you want to know what is important to me, just look at my planning calendar. If you want to know what is really important to me, just look at my checkbook. The same is true for you.

Pastor Wood reflects: "There must be a better way to live in time." "And there is," he offers. Before suggesting his solution, he reminds, "The better way of living in time begins with time taking its place as our servant rather than as our master. As part of God's creation, time was meant to for our good and placed under our rule" (Genesis 1:28).

While there is no calendar that will get time into its proper place, there is a "calendar that works to focus us on that which can tame time and encourage us to use it wisely." This calendar is known as the Church Year which "shapes time according to the life of Christ and it conforms time to its servant role."

Here is the central core of the article: "The Church Year moves our focus off what we must do by certain dates or what we have done (good or bad) on certain anniversaries to what Christ has done and continues to do for us." I had to stop and reflect on "the Church Year reminds us that life hinges on Jesus by retelling the story of His love and our salvation as we measure our days and live out the seasons of our lives." You might want to read the entire article.

I have now been with you through the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons of the Church Year. We are soon to enter into the Lenten season. Lent is a solemn penitential season of the Church Year where we focus upon the passion of our Lord and His sacrificial death. The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday (February 10). During the Lenten season, we'll gather for six Wednesday services to focus on the wonder, reality and practice of forgiveness, as especially recognized through the Sacrament of the Altar.

Lent makes us ready for my favorite season of the Church Year: Easter. As I remind myself nearly every week: "It's Friday but Sunday's coming!"

Pastor Craig



Happy February Birthdays

2/6 Nina Hanson
2/13 Hope Scott
2/15 Jeremy Schumacher
2/16 Tom Hillmer
2/17 Bettiann Carrell

2/17 Patrick Smith
2/21 Ryan Hogrefe
2/21 Jackson McCreight
2/24 Keith Zuehlke
2/27 Mariah Starbuck

Happy February Anniversaries

2-26 Tim & Marcia Fortkamp

Did you know..... Pastor Craig's sermons are on Concordia's website and CD copies are on the entryway table. Check out the website: www.steamboatlutheran.org click on the top button "Sermon" and then click to listen!

Welcome New Members!

Robert and Barbara Sonheim!!



Lutheran Hymnal

The worship committee is looking into the possibility of getting these new hymnals to replace the old blue ones. A sample copy is on the entryway table. Look for future updates.....

(Your feedback is welcome. Please speak with Pastor Craig, Jan Fritz, Rebecca Duryea or the church office.)

Concordia Members' Corner.....

Men's Bible Breakfast is February 13th at 7am at the Egg & I. Join us for food, fellowship and Bible study.

Lent Soup suppers and Worship Services start on 2/10! See below for more information.

Girls Night Out: Tuesday, February 16th at 5pm at Aurum.

Guys Night Out: Tuesday, February 16th meet at the Tap House 5pm for wing night!

Caroling at Casey's Pond & Doak Walker: The residents enjoyed our group coming and singing Christmas Carols and wanted us to come back! Please join us as we sing hymns to the residents on Saturday, February 20th. Meet 11:20am in the lobby of Casey's Pond and we will start singing in the Doak at 11:30am.



Lent 2015

We will be celebrating Lent on Wednesday Evenings starting 2/10- please join us!

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 10th

Soup Suppers will be Wednesdays starting 2/10 from 5:30-6:15

Lent Services will be Wednesdays 2/17-3/16 at 6:30pm

- ***Please sign up on the entryway table to make soup, or bring rolls & desserts***

Mark your calendars for a special movie night showing of "The Passion of the Christ" on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30pm